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Glendale Police Investigate Fatal Vehicle Accident

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On Saturday February 23rd, 2019 at 7:51 P.M., Glendale Police and emergency medical personnel responded to reports of a serious accident that had occurred at 5900 W. Brown Street. Upon first responders arriving at the intersection, three vehicles were observed to be involved. As emergency personnel began to arrive, they tended to the injured occupants of the three vehicles.

Upon further investigation and witness statements, detectives were able to determine that a Jeep Cherokee was traveling northbound on 59th Avenue from Olive Avenue. As the Jeep continued to travel northbound, witnesses reported that the vehicle began to drift across all northbound lanes of travel and ultimately into southbound traffic lanes. Upon entering the southbound lanes, the Jeep struck a Dodge truck head on that was traveling southbound on 59th Avenue. Once the collision occurred a Nissan Altima was unable to avoid the wreckage and subsequently struck the Dodge as well. Occupants of the truck were both transported for non-life-threatening injuries. The driver and sole occupant of the Jeep was declared deceased on scene. The driver was identified as 62yo Glendale resident, Roger Plesotis.

Detectives are currently searching for the cause of the Jeep to drive into oncoming traffic. Evidence immediately available at the scene of the accident did not reveal an obvious cause. Investigators are working with the Medical Examiner's Office for further forensic examinations.

*Spanish translation available

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(Roger Plesotis, 62yo)

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